(d) whether Government are considering to formulate any special action plan to trace out the missing children; and

(e) if so, the details of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) National Human Rights Commission in collaboration with UNIFEM and Institute of Social Sciences (ISS), New Delhi had conducted an Action Research Study on Trafficking in Women and Children in India. The report, which was released on 24.8.2004, in the Chapter on 'Missing Persons and Trafficking' states that the number of children reported missing from 1996 to 2001(six years) from the States/UTs aggregate to 44,476 and of these, 11,008 children remain untraced annually.

(d) and (e) Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) is in the process of putting in place a National Website for Missing Children with the support of UNICEF and National Informatics Centre. MWCD has already constituted a Core Committee for this purpose. The website on missing children on pilot basis has been launched in the State of West Bengal in May, 2007 with the help of UNICEF.

Base camp along Bihar-Nepal Border

†1748. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sashastra Seema Bal has any plan to set up base camp at some places along Bihar-Nepal border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present state of progress of the said plan; and

(d) the reasons for delay, if any, in the implementation of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) As per Key Location Plan of SSB, 198 Border Out Posts (BOPs) are to be established on India-Nepal border in Bihar by 31.03.2008. Of these 133 BOPs are already on ground.

Study to assess reasons behind missing children

1749. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidence of abduction of children is on the rise in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of children abducted/reported missing during the last 5 years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether any study to assess the reasons behind such increasing number of children going missing has been conducted;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.